Highway in the Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga-Forbesganj stretch adjacent to the bridge on Kosi river in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the proposal;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if the answer to (a) be in affirmative, by when the construction of the Highway would begin?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (d) The State Government of Bihar has been representing from time to time for the inclusion of certain State roads as National Highway which *inter-alia* includes the Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga-Forbesganj Road. Proposals for new National Highways received from Bihar Government as well as other States would be considered after the formulation of the 8th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the criteria for declaring National Highways Priorities on an All India basis and funds available for the purpose during the Eighth Plan.

Encounters between terrorists and security forces in Punjab

3275. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of encounters between the terrorists and security forces during the last three years in Punjab;

(b) the total number of terrorists who were gunned down in such encounters and total number of bodies claimed by their relatives;

(c) the total number of bodies of the killed terrorists which were not claimed by their relatives during the said period; and

(d) what procedure was followed in disposing of unclaimed bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) According to information available, there were 1453 encounters between terrorists and security forces during the period.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Encounters between militants and Security Forces in J and K

3276. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of encounters between militants and security forces in Jammu and Kashmir which took place during the last one year;

(b) the number of militants killed during these encounters;

(c) the number of bodies of killed militants claimed by their relatives and those unclaimed; and

(d) what procedure was followed in disposing of unclaimed bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Information is awaited from the State Government.

Filling of posts in the C-DOT

3277. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the posts in the C-DOT are filled at present;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of group A posts vacant at present and since when each is lying vacant; and

(d) the effect this situation has on the efficiency of C-DOT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the post of Executive Director, C-DOT and one post of Director, C-DOT are filled up at present on temporary basis till permanent arrangements are made by the Governing Council of C-DOT to fill up these vacancies.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of the answer at (a) above.

Television facilities in the villages of Andhra Pradesh

3278. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Andhra Pradesh, where Television facilities have not been provided so far:

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) by when T.V. facility is likely to be provided in the above villages of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose by Government, if any?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Whereas no specific survey has been carried out to determine the actual number of villages in Andhra Pradesh covered by TV service, it is roughly estimated that about 52 per cent area of the State has been brought under TV coverage. This area coverage is expected to increase by about 15 per cent on commissioning of the high power TV transmitters under implementation at Anantapur and Tirupati as spill-over schemes from the VII Plan. The resources constraint has been the main factor because of which the remaining area of the State could not be covered so far.

(c) and (d) It is the endeavour of the Government to improve the TV coverage in the State under the VIII Plan but it is not possible at present to indicate the details of this expansion programme as the Plan allocation has not so far been made by the Planning Commission.

Rules regarding fire safety in Buildings, etc.

3279. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 918 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th May, 1990 and state:

(a) the response received from various State Governments to Government's Model Legislation and the reaction to the circular issued by the Urban Development Ministry:

(b) the details of fire retardant treatments for wooden doors, etc. as developed by CBRI, Roorkee with reaction thereto of the Ministry of Industry;

(c) whether the CBRI had approved after detailed examination of the Fire Protection Doors/Windows during the past three years as were sent by some West German based firms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) A statement in this regard is enclosed as Annexure I. (*See* below)

(b) CBRI has developed a chemical formulation which when impregnated in finished wooden components of doors/windows etc., makes them fire retardant. Efforts are being made for commercialisation of this knowhow.

(c) During 1987-88, the CBRI has evaluated and approved single leaf and double leaf fire doors of a firm, M/s. Gerhardt Buck GMBH & Co., West Germany for fire resistance rat-